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APPLICANT: Jos Kobussen, et al. ART UNIT: 3405
SERIAL NO: 08/960,983
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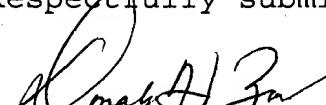
LETTER

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Dear Sir:

We are writing to make inquiry regarding the group assignment of the instant application. A very similar co-pending application filed October 31, 1998, Serial No. 08/961,799 has been assigned to Group 1302.

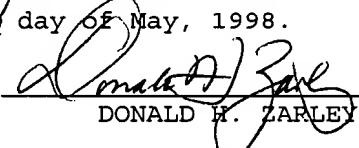
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